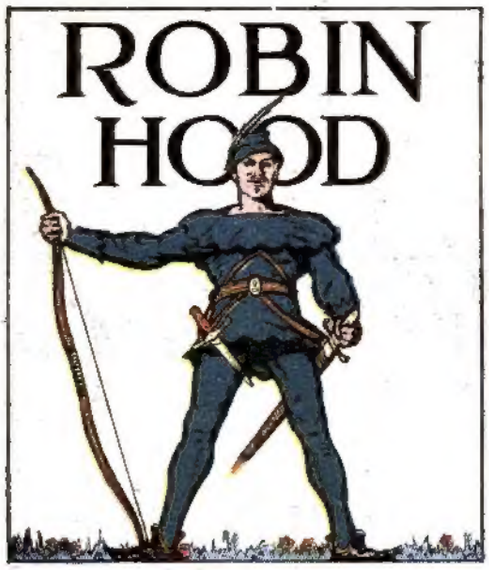
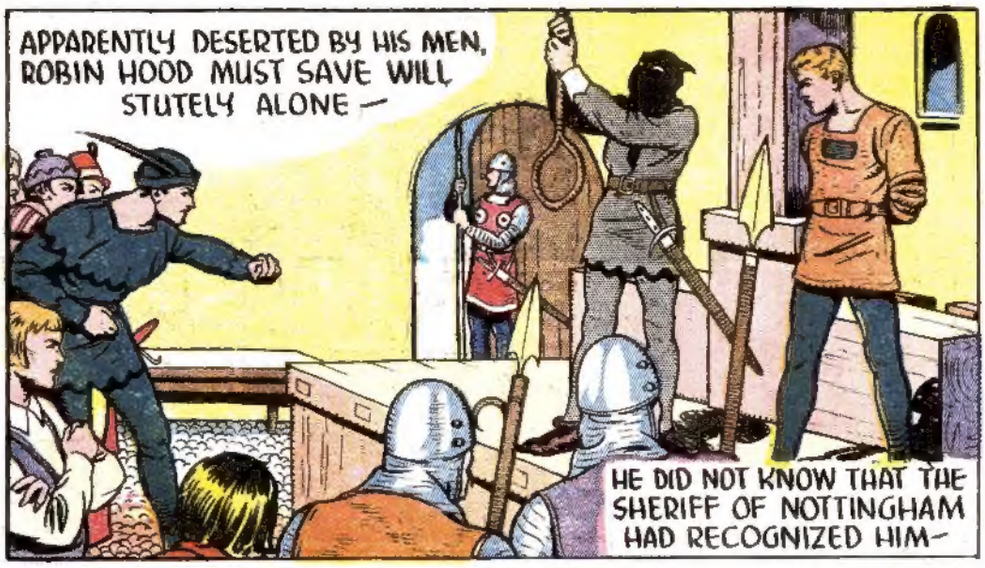
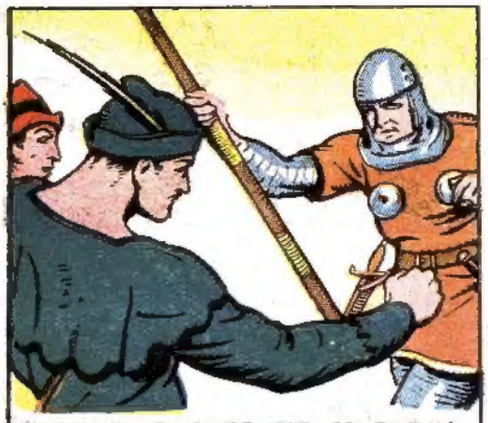
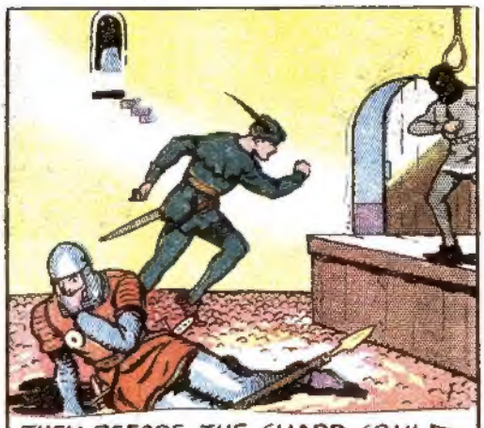
ROBIN HOOD



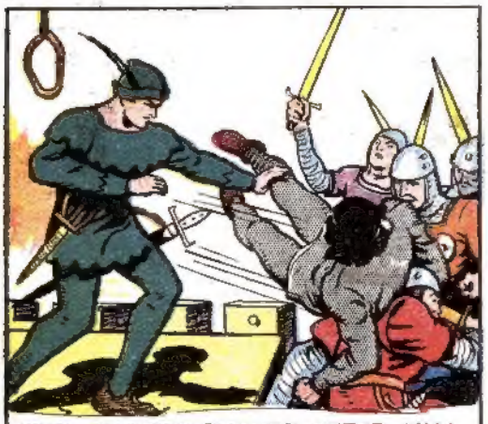

APPARENTLY DESERTED BY HIS MEN, ROBIN HOOD MUST SAVE WILL STUTELY ALONE —
HE DID NOT KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM HAD RECOGNIZED HIM—



A GUARD RUSHED UP TO ROBIN HOOD. "YOU ARE UNDER ARREST, BY ORDER OF THE SHERIFF!" HE CRIED—



THEN, BEFORE THE GUARD COULD RECOVER, HE WAS ACROSS THE SQUARE AND MOUNTING THE GIBBET

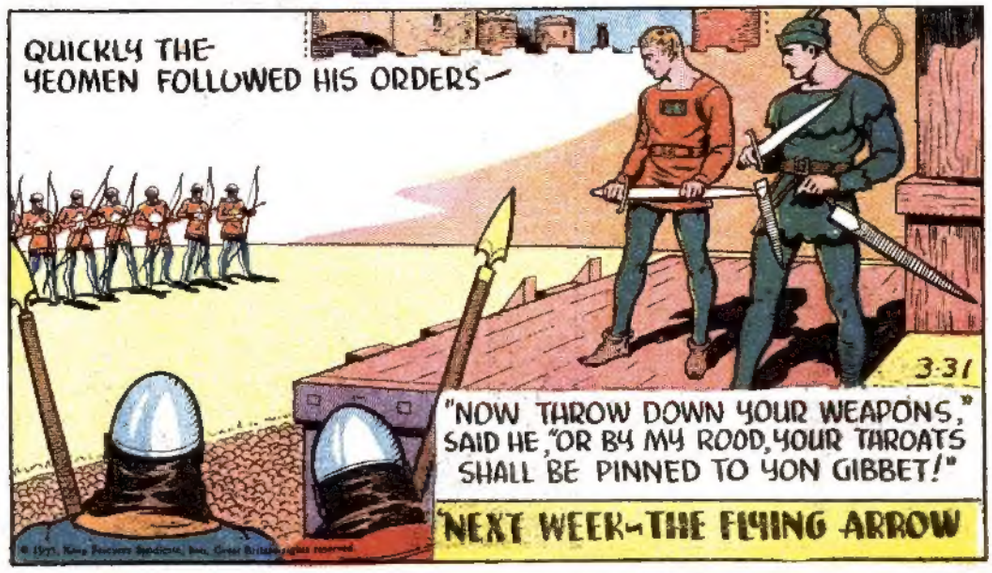


THE GUARDS RUSHED AFTER HIM. SEIZING THE HOODED HANGMAN, HE HURLED HIM FULL IN THEIR FACES!

SWIFTLY HE CUT WILL'S BONDS. "TAKE MY SWORD," HE SAID. "MAYHAP WE CAN HOLD THEM 'TIL MY MEN ARRIVE."

THE CLASH OF STEEL FILLED THE AIR — AGAIN AND YET AGAIN THE SHERIFF'S MEN WERE REPULSED.

FINALLY THE SHERIFF LOST PATIENCE. "HOLD!" HE CRIED, AND SMILED GRIMLY. "COME BACK, MY MEN — I HAVE A BETTER PLAN!"


QUICKLY THE YEOMEN FOLLOWED HIS ORDERS—
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"NOW THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPONS," SAID HE, "OR BY MY ROOD, YOUR THROATS SHALL BE PINNED TO YON GIBBET!"
NEXT WEEK—THE FLYING ARROW

ROBIN HOOD
THE CROWD STOOD SPELLBOUND AS THE SHERIFF'S YEOMEN PREPARED TO LOOSE A DEADLY SHOWER OF ARROWS AT ROBIN HOOD AND WILL!
AMID DEEP SILENCE, THE SHERIFF LIFTED HIS GAUNTLET. "SURRENDER," HE SAID, "FOR WHEN I DROP MY GLOVE, MY MEN WILL SHOOT!"
MEANWHILE ROBIN HOOD'S KEEN EYE CAUGHT A MOVEMENT IN THE CROWD - QUICKLY HE BLEW THREE BLASTS ON HIS HORN!
BEFORE THE ECHOES DIED, AN ARROW FLEW THROUGH THE AIR, TRANSFIXING THE GAUNTLET TO THE SHERIFF'S HAND!
THEN ROBIN HOOD'S MEN THREW OFF THEIR DISGUISES. LITTLE JOHN IN THE LEAD, THEY CHARGED THE CONFUSED YEOMEN!
"I KNEW THEY WOULD COME," CRIED ROBIN HOOD - AND WITH A DEAD SHAFT HE AND WILL STUTELY LEAPED DOWN TO JOIN THEM!
"TO THE GATE," CRIED ROBIN HOOD, "TIS OUR ONLY HOPE!"
AND WITH THE JOY OF BATTLE IN THEIR VEINS, THEY FOUGHT THEIR WAY. SLOWLY BUT SURELY, THE YEOMEN WERE BEATEN BACK
THE SHERIFF COULD NOT RALLY HIS FORCES! FURIOUS WITH RAGE HE WHEELED HIS HORSE AND GALLOPED TO THE DRAWBRIDGE!
"NO, VARLETS!" HE SHOUTED. "UP WITH THE DRAWBRIDGE. HASTEN - THEY MUST NOT GET AWAY!"
WHEN ROBIN HOOD REACHED THE GATE, THE DRAWBRIDGE WAS SLOWLY CLOSING - THEY WERE PRISONERS IN THE WALLED TOWN!